GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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TRADE CONCESSIONS TO PAKISTAN BY EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to protect the textile exporters from the preferential trade concessions to Pakistan by the European Union;

(b) whether the Government have taken note of the superior lobbying and deal-making abilities of other countries that enable them to secure favourable deals for significant domestic sectors; and

(c) if so, the details about the steps taken by the Government to secure favourable deals for the domestic textiles sector ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (c): EU has entered into a bilateral textile deal with Pakistan and has agreed to enhance its quota levels by 15% in return for Pakistan`s commitment to reduce its duties in textile clothing by 5% and bind the new rates at 5%, 15% and 25% levels.

India has taken note of the developments and discussed the issue with EU Trade Commissioner during Indo-EU Joint Commission meeting.